GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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CHINESE INCURSIONS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether China has dismissed fresh reports of incursion by its troops into Indian territory and has further pointed out that China is committed to solving vexed boundary issue through talks and would like to make joint efforts with India to maintain peace along the border;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether as per the latest report in Indian media, at least three incursions by motorised armed patrols of the Peoples Liberation Army in the strategically located Trig Heights and Pangong Tso Lake were recorded during the month of May; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of China in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SMT. PRENEET KAUR)

(a) to (d) China disputes the International Boundary between India and China. There is no commonly delineated Line of Actual Control (LAC) between the two countries. From time to time, on account of differences in the perception of the LAC, situations have arisen on the ground that could have been avoided if we had a common perception of the LAC. Government regularly takes up any transgression along the LAC with the Chinese side through established mechanisms including border personnel meetings, flag meetings and diplomatic channels. The two countries have appointed Special Representatives to explore from the political perspective of the overall bilateral relationship the framework for a boundary settlement. There have been fourteen meetings of the Special Representatives till date. The two sides have reiterated, on many occasions, their commitment to maintain peace and tranquility along the Line of Actual Control in the India-China border areas, pending a final settlement of the Boundary Question. The Prime Ministers of India and China reiterated this understanding during their meeting in Hanoi in October, 2010. Government keeps a constant watch on all developments having a bearing on India's security and takes all necessary measures to safeguard it.